WHAT BOYCOTTING MEANS.

ON September 19th, 1880, Mr. Parnell formulated the law of boycotting in the town of Ennis, county Clare. Mr. Parnell's words were as follows :—

"What are you to do to a tenant who bids for a farm from which another tenant has been evicted? (Several voices: 'Shoot him.') I think I heard somebody say 'shoot him.' I wish to point out to you a very much better way—a more Christian and charitable way — which will give the lost man an opportunity of repenting. When a man takes a farm from which another has been evicted you must show him **on the roadside when you meet him**; you must show him in the **streets of the town**; you must show him in **the shop**; you must show him **on the fair green and in the market-place, and even in the place of worship—by leaving him alone,** by putting him into a moral Coventry, by isolating him from the rest of his countrymen as if he were a leper of old; **you must show him your detestation of the crime he has committed.**"

The result of this advice by the "uncrowned king" of Ireland is shown in the following recent cases taken from *The Times* February 2, 1886.

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"**Edward Tobin**, publican, and owner of posting establishment, **boycotted** by order of the local branch of the Natioanl League for having saved crops of landlord on an evicted farm. His house deserted, his family afraid to visit him, and posting business would be lost altogether but for contract with Post Office. **Might have starved except for help rendered by Loyalists.** January 20th, 1886.

"The following boycotting notice was posted up in New Dysart on Sunday, January 10th, 1886:—'Men of Roscommon and Galway,—The greatest ruin of the National cause and the deadliest foe to the tenant farmer is the land-grabber. He is the last prop of landlordism, the man who keeps up the price of land, and who would bid for the house over your head. Down with him. In the **parish of Dysart there are three of these reptiles, these enemies of Ireland. Boycott them.** Their names are —, —, —. Let no man speak to them, no man deal with them, no man buy or sell for or from them. Let no tradesman or labourer work for them. He who does let him mark the consequences. As you love your country and fear just retribution, obey this. God save Ireland!'

"A farm of 67 acres, belonging to representatives of Sir T. Wheeler, situated in Ballymacart, County Waterford, taken up from the **tenant** who was **three years in arrears of rent**, has been **completely boycotted**, though several solvent farmers anxious to take it. Owner unable to keep his own cattle upon it.

"Precisely same state of affairs on a farm, rental, £133, the property of Sir Richard Musgrave, in the union of Dungarvan. The neighbouring tenants were anxious to have the farm divided among them, but were afraid to take it. One tenant was given 11 acres of this farm as a set-off for a reduction of rent, since when he has been boycotted.

"**Widow Sarah Lalor, of Oghill, county Kildare, is boycotted in consequence of having taken one**

acre of land surrendered to Lord Drogheda, contrary to command of the League. **Has been refused necessaries of life.** Some woman purchased an acre of meadow near by, but the vendor was obliged for his own safety to go before the committee of the League in Monasterevan to excuse himself and apologise.

"Fifteen Tenants of Colonel Crosbie, at Ballyheigue, county Kerry, **paid their judicial rents,** contrary to the commands of the League, and **were boycotted in fair and market.** No one would work for them. Law proceedings having been commenced the ban was removed, but the boycotted men were mulcted by the League in blackmail to the extent of 15 per cent. **The parish priest is president of the League.**

"Tomas Nunn, of Newmarket, county Cork, boycotted for posting Mr. Walsh's election address.

"Timothy Sullivan, car driver, Newmarket, county Cork, **boycotted** by order of the National League, Rev. Mr. O'Callaghan, president, **for driving police to protect the billsticker** who plied his trade for Mr. Walsh, the Loyalist candidate for that division of the country.

"Thomas Davidson, a caretaker of the Property Defence Association at Newmarket, county Cork, is boycotted, and **his children not permitted to go to school.** Colonel Aldworth's gate-keeper took in one child to attend No. 2 School, situated inside the demesne walls, with the result that turf, saturated with oil, was thrown into the windows, and he is unable to get the necessaries of life at Newmarket, being obliged to send eight miles for them.

"James M'Neill, of Carrigallen, County Leitrim, now completely boycotted for having two years ago taken a farm, can buy nothing in his own town. The village postmaster told him he would have to turn him out of his shop if he called again. **Five neighbours have been boycotted for speaking to**

him. The National League Court which has decreed this treatment used to sit in the house of the Rev. Mr. Galligan, C.C., president of the Court, at night, but in future the Court will sit on a neighbouring hill top.

"The Steward of Mr. Lawder, a Loyalist candidate, bought a pig to sell and kill at Christmas. Notices were posted stating that it had been bought from a Loyalist, and any one who bought a piece of pork was **not a 'friend of the people.'**"

The above are merely specimen cases of the tyranny and disorganisation of society which prevails at the present moment in Ireland. It is publicly stated that "English law is broke," and the millennium is at hand, when rent and Protestant landgrabbers will be abolished.

Mr. Gladstone in his speech in the House of Commons, May 24, 1882, thus described **Boycotting**:—

"What is meant by boycotting? In the first place, it is **combined intimidation**. In the second place, it is combined intimidation made use of for the purpose of destroying the private liberties of choice **by fear of ruin and starvation**. In the third place, that being what 'boycotting' is in itself, we must look to this: that the creed of 'boycotting,' like every other creed, requires a sanction, and that **the sanction of 'boycotting'** —that which stands in the rear of 'boycotting,' and by which alone 'boycotting' can in the long run run be made thoroughly effective—**is the murder which is not to be denounced.**"

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